

## PREPARATION FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This memorandum serves to remind you that the time to start planning for the upcoming holiday season is fast approaching.

As in the past, visitors WILL NOT be allowed to bring food in, but Canteen limits will be increased for the holidays. All inmates eligible for Canteen privileges will have their limits increased. Minimum Out, Minimum Out Restricted, Minimum In, Protective Custody and Death Row Inmates with FULL Canteen privileges will have their limits increased to \$150. Medium inmates with FULL Canteen privileges will have their limits increased to \$60. This increase will be effective from Monday, November 10, 2008, through Wednesday, December 31, 2008. Special holiday items will be stocked in the Canteens during this time period.

Anyone desiring to send an inmate package may contact Access Securepak at 1-800-546-6283 (telephone), or on the web at [www.SouthCarolinaPackages.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaPackages.com). Packages must be ordered from October 1st -November 7th , 2008 or postmarked no later than October 31,2008. All those ordered will be delivered from November 19December 12, 2008. There will be a \$100.00 limit for receipt total per inmate (not sender) for food items. Limits on apparel items will be based on quantity authorized by policy.

**VISITATION:** Additional visiting days have been approved. The dates shown below should be posted for inmates and visitors. Regular weekend visitation refers to the institution's normal visiting hours Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday. Holiday Visitation is to be allowed and times should be posted so that all eligible inmates have equal access. All times will be posted at each institution.

Thursday	November 27, 2008	Holiday Visitation
Friday-Sunday	November 28-30,2008	Regular Weekend Visitation
Thursday	December 18, 2008	Holiday Visitation
Friday-Sunday	December 19-21, 2008	Regular Weekend Visitation
Monday-Thursday	December 22-25,2008	Holiday Visitation
Friday-Sunday	December 26-28, 2008	Regular Weekend Visitation
Wednesday	December 31, 2008	Holiday Visitation
Thursday	January 1, 2009	Holiday Visitation

**PLEASE NOTE:** If the visitation room!area becomes full during Holiday Visitation, SCDC Policy OP-22.09, Inmate Visitation will be adhered to and the visitors who have been visiting the longest period of time will be asked to terminate their visit to allow others an opportunity to visit.

During the months of November and December, the eight (8) visit limit will be waived for ONLY THOSE INMATES WITH FULL VISITING PRIVILEGES. Each institution is responsible for developing and posting a schedule to ensure that all inmates have equal visitation access. Please forward a copy of your schedule to the Division of Operations and a copy to the Office of the Inspector General by close of business November 13, 2008. Again, those inmates with limited visiting privileges will not be authorized for any additions; therefore, they may only receive their normal number of allowed visits.

Disseminate this information to your employees and inmate population as soon as possible so that everyone may be aware of the procedures governing holiday privileges. May everyone have a blessed and safe holiday season.

**Jon Ozmint**